

SAM DENIES THE CHARGES In Connection With the Fuse Contracts. THE FULLEST ENQUIRY

IS INVITED BY THE MINISTER OF MILITIA Who Declares on His Arrival at New York That He Wishes Everything Exposed to the Closest Scrutiny.

New York, April 14.—General Sir Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, to-day made a sweeping denial of the House of Commons charges made against him in connection with the munitions transactions, upon his arrival from England aboard the liner St. Paul.

He told the reporters that he welcomed an investigation of any fuse transactions. To newspaper men who boarded the St. Paul at quarantine, the Canadian war chief made the following statement:

"I have only been informed in a general way about the statements made in the House of Commons during my absence. But let them be what they may, I am glad of the opportunity of having them all fully sifted and exposed to the full light of day.

"I have no comment to make on the conduct of those who, taking advantage of my absence and of a feeling of nervousness almost bordering on panic in the minds of the general public on all questions since the war began, have attempted to divert to side issues the energy and time which should be devoted to the cause of the Canadians at the front and the Empire in general. Such questions may be within their privileges.

"I regret the necessity of coming back at this juncture, but solely on account of the need of my presence in England in connection with the pressing problems concerning the Canadian troops there and at the front, but otherwise for the Government and for myself I am delighted at the opportunity of having each and every fact made public in connection with all fuse transactions. It is my desire that everything should be exposed to the closest scrutiny."

Commenting on the Canadian troops in England Hughes said: "During my two weeks' visit I had opportunity to review the Canadian troops at Bramshott and Shorncliffe Camps and saw that the soldiers were filled with zeal and ardor for the cause. General Sir Archibald Hunter, in command at Bramshott, and General Steele, at Shorncliffe, informed me that the conduct of the Canadian soldiers, both in camp and on the field of action was most exemplary."

A Detective On Hand.

New York, April 14.—A man, who said he was Detective Carrington, chief of the Detective Agency of Canada, met Hughes at the pier and conferred briefly with Capt. G. B. C. and aide to Hughes. He refused to tell the newspapers the nature of his call.

It was not until the St. Paul edged out of the river toward her pier that Gen. Hughes braved the gloom and darkness of the night and strode out upon the deck. Clad in gray trousers, Prince Albert coat, soft black hat and tan shoes, the big Canadian stamped down the deck with a quiet smile and a cheery word for everyone. There didn't seem to be anybody he didn't know. He stopped to shake hands with most of them, men, women, boys and girls. A young army of newspapermen crowded about the general, who held up his hands as though he had come upon a crew of highwaymen. He talked with the newspapermen about the war and the situation concerning the formal statement concerning his personal affairs.

Allison Is Sick.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, April 14.—In conversation late this afternoon, Sir Sam said he had heard Col. Allison was sick, but he had no further information to give about him.

Regarding Yeakum, Cadwell and Basist, he understood they were working hard getting out fuses. He said he would probably stay in New York a day or two having conferences, but would likely take his seat in the Commons on Monday.

Counsel For Hughes.

Ottawa, April 14.—Sir Sam Hughes will be represented by Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Eugene Lafleur, K.C., and J. S. Ewart, K.C. The sensational nature of the

charges, the colossal amounts involved, and the association of the name of Sir Sam Hughes with Allison, one of the chief beneficiaries of the loot, and the eminent lawyers engaged, intend to focus public interest upon the enquiry, and its deliberations will be awaited with the keenest interest.

TURN TO VENIZELOS IN GREEK CRISIS.

Campaign Against the Present Government Assumes Alarming Proportions.

London, April 14.—"The extent to which former Premier Venizelos has obtained popular support since his re-entry into politics is causing grave concern in government circles," says a despatch from Athens. "The meetings of adherents of M. Venizelos are being made occasions of extraordinary demonstrations and it is impossible to predict the result of the campaign against the present government."

A Reuter despatch from Athens says that the French and British ministers informed Premier Skoulioudis of the intention of their governments to land forces from the harbor of Argostoli and elsewhere on Cephalonia, one of the Ionian islands, a few miles west of the mainland. Assurance was given that the sovereign rights of Greece would be respected. Respecting the landing at Argostoli, the British and French ministers informed Premier Skoulioudis that their governments were impelled by imperious needs to close the harbor.

FOUGHT U. S. TROOPS.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, April 14.—In a battle near Parral between American troops and the civilian population, Gen. Carranza reports there were many deaths.

REACHED DECISION.

To Be Known To World Within Twenty-Four Hours.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, April 14.—President Wilson has determined on the course of action to be taken by this government towards Germany in the submarine issue.

Announcement in the decision will be made in from twelve to twenty-four hours. This was the statement of a high government official just as the cabinet went into session to-day. He would not comment on what form this government's action would take, but it is deemed certain the president will demand an immediate show-down without equivocation on the submarine issue.

A VERY SUDDEN DEATH.

Farmer Passed Away As He Reached Barn.

(Special to the Whig.) Tamworth, April 14.—Thomas Powers, a farmer living here, fifty-two years of age, died very suddenly last night of heart failure. He went out with his boy at 9 o'clock to attend his stock, when, as he reached the barn, he fell to the ground dead.

No Desire To Handle Liquor.

Vancouver, B.C., April 14.—British Columbia druggists have sent a statement to the Legislature stating that the trade is overwhelmingly opposed to taking over the sale of liquor under the proposed prohibition measure. Some of the druggists declare they will vote against the present prohibition bill if it provides dispensing by druggists.

No Mission From Pope.

Rome, April 14.—The Mail and Empire correspondent was assured by a high authority that the Pope did not trust Cardinal von Hartmann, of Cologne, with any mission to Belgium. Instead, it is stated, the pontiff dissuaded the cardinal from making his visit, which was undertaken on the special request of the Kaiser.

Murder in Montreal.

Montreal, April 14.—Ezra Deragon, aged fifty-nine years, 335 Bleury street, was shot and instantly killed in a lane in the rear of the Brighton Apartments, 51 Mayor street, late on Wednesday night.

Resch England Safely.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, April 14.—Official announcement is made of the safe arrival in England of three Canadian troops with 8,597 officers and men.

Announcement on Tuesday.

(Special to the Whig.) London, April 14.—Premier Asquith will announce in the Commons on Tuesday whether conscription will apply to married men.

Parson Joins As Private.

Brantford, April 14.—Rev. William Aird, Baptist minister on the Indian reserve, has joined the 114th Haldimand Battalion as a private.

WAR BULLETINS.

The Austrian offensive on the Italian front is making no progress. A few trenches were captured, but were immediately re-taken. Lively fighting is occurring along the British front. The enemy raided trenches several times north-east of Carney, but were repulsed.

GENERAL SIR SAM HUGHES IN ENGLAND.



This is a new photo of the Minister of Militia, posed for an English paper during his present visit and before he received the "Come Home" cable from the Premier.

THEY ERRED IN CENSORING Letters From One Canadian Point To Another.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO SEE THAT THERE IS NO REPETITION.

Complaints Made in the Commons—House To Adjourn Next Wednesday For Easter.

Ottawa, April 14.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux rose to protest in the Commons yesterday afternoon against the censoring of letters originating in Canada, whose destination was a Canadian point.

"I realize the necessity for censorship," said Mr. Lemieux, "but I do object, vehemently object, to my letters being censored when they come from a Canadian point. I have in my hand a letter from Montreal which has thus been opened. Surely the Postmaster-General has in his employ men of sufficient intelligence to refrain from this unwarranted impertinence of opening letters from Canada."

Blunder Won't Be Repeated.

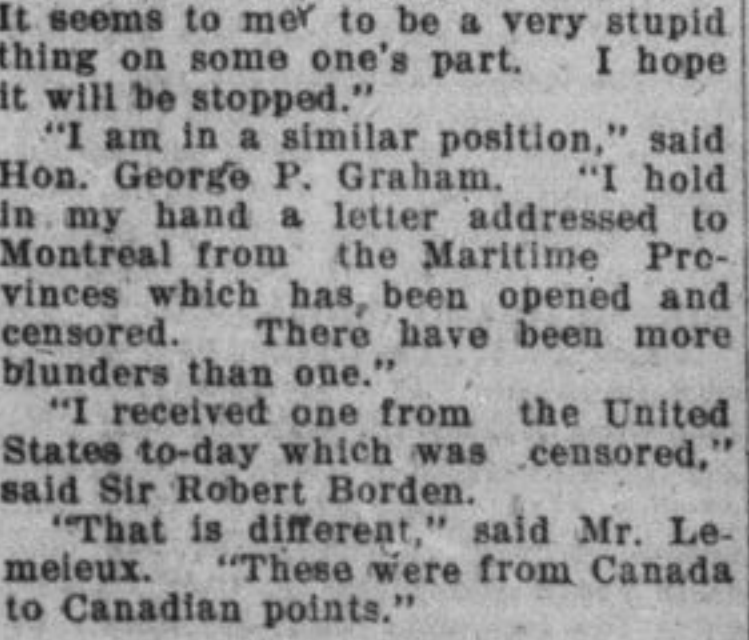
Hon. T. Chase Casgrain agreed with his honorable friend from Rouville. "It must have been a blunder or an oversight," he said. "I will take steps to see that it is not repeated."

War Tidings.

Thursday evening despatches from Verdun reported the battle abating and no change in positions. Berlin official estimates put the French losses around Verdun at 150,000.

E. F. B. JOHNSTON COUNSEL.

For Liberals in the Fuse Contract Inquiry—His Assistants



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Ottawa, April 14.—Liberal counsel for the fuse contract inquiry will be E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., of Toronto. He will probably be assisted by R. C. Smith, K.C., of Montreal, and F. B. Carroll, M.P.

WON BACK MORE THAN THEY LOST. The Canadians Mined Two Large Craters At St. Eloi.

London, April 14.—The latest news from the St. Eloi district is that not only have the Canadians won back all ground the Germans gained at such a great cost, but have increased their territory and strengthened their lines. Two large craters, about fifty to sixty feet across, were successfully mined on Wednesday morning, and nearly 100 Germans were blown sky-high or buried in the blue clay debris. The 18th (Windsor district) Battalion, easily consolidated the position, with practically no casualties. The German artillery has slackened off on the Canadian front line trenches, though grenade and bomb fighting continues all day long. Canadian guns have literally massacred the enemy in their attacks and in several spots have been firing point blank at the Hun attackers. According to a doctor who has been in the sphere of operations during the past week, the majority of the Canadian wounded are not badly hit, most of them by shrapnel.

BRITISH SEA CAPTAIN JUST ESCAPES FINE.

Leaves Hull in a Hurry and Without Bill of Health—Excused By U. S.

Norfolk Va., April 14.—Because of the excitement in Hull, Eng., incident to recent Zeppelin attacks, the Treasury Department has accepted the excuse of Capt. Evangeline, master of the British steamer Ena, which arrived at Norfolk, April 7th, and relieved that vessel of the fine of \$5,000 imposed by Collector Hamilton for entering this port without an American consular bill of health.

Capt. Evangeline upon Hull occurred within three days prior to his sailing, one occurring just before he appeared at the customs house for his clearance papers.

The office force, mainly women and youths, because of the older males having entered the army, were thrown into confusion and his bill of health was inadvertently not included among his papers in consequence.

Elizabeth Sloan is under arrest in Calgary for bigamy. She left her five children in Toronto, along with a husband, before moving west.

The Commission on conditions in the munitions industry will hold its first meeting in Toronto next week.

TAKES HYDRO FROM BECK

The McGarry Bill in the Legislature.

WANT OF CONFIDENCE

IN THE COMMISSION IS WHAT IT MEANS

A Comptroller To Be All-Powerful—N. W. Rowell Reviews the Bill—Hydro Under Government.

Toronto, April 14.—The long-awaited "McGarry bill," which was given a second reading in the Legislature yesterday is considered equivalent to a vote of want of confidence in the Chairman and members of the Hydro-electric Commission. It provides for the appointment by the Government of an officer to be known as the Comptroller of the Hydro-electric Commission, and involves control by the Government of the financial affairs and accounting methods of the Hydro Commission.

Mr. Rowell observed that the McGarry bill does not enlarge the powers of the Hydro-electric Commission. It merely dealt, he pointed out, with the keeping of accounts and the audit. The Opposition was in hearty sympathy with an action that might be taken with a view to proper accounting in the public services. They had been urging for some years past that the accounts of the Hydro-electric Commission should be brought down to the House, and that they should have the same opportunity of inspecting those accounts as they had had in the past of inspecting the accounts of the different Government services. "We have from time to time submitted resolutions to the House asking that these accounts be submitted to us, and these resolutions were voted down by the Government time and again.

Under Government.

"The bill practically puts the Hydro-electric Commission under the control of the Government," continued Mr. Rowell, referring to the clause in the bill which provides for the appointment of a Comptroller, who shall countersign all cheques and who "shall perform such other duties as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe." The meaning of that was that control of the financial affairs of the Hydro would be put in the hands of a man who would be appointed to the Cabinet Council. The Hydro-electric Commission would not be able to issue cheques until they were countersigned by the official appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Mr. Rowell said it appeared to him that the McGarry bill was making provision whether rightly or wrongly, for closer control of the affairs of the Hydro Commission, and the introduction of the bill would be regarded by some as practically equivalent to a vote of want of confidence in the Chairman and other members of the Commission. He feared it would be interpreted by those interested in the matter.

Mr. Rowell regretted that the Government had not seen its way clear to meet the request of the municipalities financially interested in the hydro enterprise, for the appointment of a member of the Commission who would represent the municipalities. The Opposition leader thought the municipalities should have a representative on the Commission. "They should have the right to nominate at least one member," he said.

Mr. Stedholme thought the McGarry bill should not be put through before the people of the Province had had an opportunity of reading it. If the people had a chance to see what the bill involved, they would be a deputation at the Parliament Buildings, not of hundreds, as they had on the previous day, but of thousands—thousands who would be there protesting against it.

ATTACKS BY FRENCH

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Munitions Output Grows in France.

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Paris, April 14.—The German submarine which torpedoed the channel liner Sussex was sunk early in April, it was officially announced to-day.

WEAK HUN ATTACK SOUTH OF DOUAUMONT.

Repulsed By the French—Hill 304 Violently Bombarded.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, April 14.—A weak German attack against French positions south of Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, was completely repulsed last night, the War Office announced to-day.

On the northwestern front of Verdun, the Germans bombarded Hill 304 violently throughout the night, but did not emerge from their trenches for the expected attack.

South of Haudremont, on the east bank of the Meuse, and in the region of Moulainville, the bombardment was lively on both sides during the night.

WAR REDUCES PROFITS OF EXPRESS COMPANIES.

But Government's Grant for "Privileges" Swells Revenue Quite Materially.

Ottawa, April 14.—The war has taken a heavy toll out of the express companies of Canada. Last year the net operating revenue was \$88,869, as compared with \$759,000 in 1914 and \$1,122,000 in 1912. The gross revenues in 1915 were \$1,311,000, a decrease of nearly one million and a half below 1914. Operating expenses aggregated \$5,632,000, a decrease of nearly \$600,000, while express privileges totaled \$5,610,000, a decrease of \$400,000.

Of course, the five and a half millions of "privileges" are payments to the railways, and should also be regarded as profits.

ELECTIONS FOR QUEBEC

New Legislature is to be Chosen on May 22nd.

Quebec, April 14.—At a meeting of the Provincial Cabinet it was decided to ask the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the chamber, which was granted. The nominations of candidates will take place on May 15th and the vote will be taken on May 22nd.

Quebec, April 14.—Sir Lomer Gouin, the Premier, recently completed eleven years as Prime Minister of Quebec, a record for this Province.

The standing of the parties in the last House, elected May 16th, 1912, was: Liberals, 60; Conservatives, 16; Independent Liberal, 1; Nationalist, 1; Laborite, 1.

Before the dissolution of the Provincial Legislature the following appointments were made:

Hon. C. F. Delage, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, replacing Hon. P. B. De La Bruere, who has been pensioned.

Hon. Jules Allard, Minister of Lands and Forests, has been appointed Legislative Councillor for Lanaudiere Division, replacing Hon. M. De Boucherville.

J. L. Perron, M.P.P. for Vercheres, has been appointed to the Legislative Council, replacing Hon. Mr. Berard.

ASKS FOR AN ACT

Calling All Eligible Canadians To Colors.

Fredericton, N. B., April 14.—The New Brunswick Legislature yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution asking the Canadian Parliament to pass an act calling to the colors all men of suitable military age, and that there be a system of enrollment whereby the requirements of the agricultural, industrial and transportation interests of the country, together with the needs of persons dependent upon the earnings of men of military age, shall be given due consideration.

Lieut.-Col. Guthrie, M.P.P., who was badly wounded in the war, moved the resolution.

Acting Premier Murray introduced a bill in aid of recruiting, the object of which is to obtain a list of men of military age throughout the Province.

WILL NOT RESIGN.

Sir Adam Beck To Stay With Hydro Commission.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Toronto, April 14.—In an interview to-day, Sir Adam Beck was asked if he intended to resign as the result of the McGarry bill amending the Hydro-Electric Commission. After considering the question for a minute or two, Sir Adam said he had no intention of resigning.

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U. S. TROOPS IN BATTLE

With the Carranzistas Down in Mexico.

WILSON CONTEMPLATES WITHDRAWING THE FORCES OF GEN. PERSHING.

Owing to the Acute Situation—Carranza Points Out That Things Are Beyond His Control.

Washington, April 14.—American troops in Mexico have had their first battle with the natives at the moment General Carranza is urging their withdrawal.

On Wednesday night, while General Carranza's note was on its way to Washington, troops of the Seventh Cavalry, under Major Tompkins, were fired upon in Parral, a stronghold in western Chihuahua, where Carranza garrison took a doubtful part in the affray, and were attacked again during the night.

Complete information regarding the losses to the American troops or to the Mexicans had not reached Washington last night. Secretary of War Baker informed President Wilson that a brief despatch to the War Department said that, according to an official report, one American cavalryman was killed, and that the troops used a machine gun against the Mexicans.

Mr. Baker announced later that he had ordered General Funston to take any steps that might be necessary to prevent further trouble. When asked whether this might mean the enforced use of Mexican railroads for the movement of soldiers and supplies, he said General Funston was on the ground and would act as any emergency required.

Gen. Pershing is in command of the troops of the force to which the troops fired on at Parral belong.

General Carranza, directing his Embassy here to point out that the clash proved his contention that the presence of American troops in Mexico is leading to a situation which threatens to go beyond his control.

President Wilson last night delivered the principal address at the Jefferson Day banquet of the Common Council Club. His words were interpreted to mean that he is contemplating the withdrawal of the American forces from Mexico.

To Remain For Present.

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, April 14.—American troops will remain in Mexico for the present at least. The Cabinet to-day determined upon no change of policy toward the Mexican situation. This means the hunt for Villa will proceed.

At New York three more arrests were made in connection with the bomb conspiracy to destroy munition ships.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Matinee "The Only Girl," Grand, 2.30 Saturday.

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Valleau's Grocery... 308 Montreal

DIED.

MURPHY—At Wolfe Island, on April 13th, 1916, Jeremiah Murphy, aged 66 years.

Funeral service, his late residence, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, to Church of the Sacred Heart, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul.

Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

SEARS—At his residence, 57 Pembroke street, Toronto, on Thursday, the 13th day of April, 1916, George Edward Sears.

Funeral will take place from Grand Trunk Station at Kingston Junction, to Cataract cemetery, on Saturday, the 16th day of April, 1916, at 1.30 P.M.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MANY THINKERS

Don't take too much advice—keep to your helm and steer your own ship.

—Porter.

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